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SUBJECT: SOCIAL PROPERTY REPLIES TO ITS CRITICS

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1. RESPONDING TO RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR (LIMA 3470), A GROUP OF 43 SOCIAL PROPERTY ENTERPRISES, SEVERAL WORKERADMINISTERED FIRMS, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PERU'S AGRARIAN REFORM ISSUED PUBLIC DECLARATIONS APRIL 13 WHICH STRONGLY DEFEND THE CONCEPT OF SOCIAL PROPERTY AND CHARGE ITS CRITICS WITH TRYING TO RETURN PERU TO ITS PRE-OCTOBER 1968 CONDITIONS. THE STATEMENTS PRAISE THE CHANGES REALIZED BY THE REVOLUTION, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE NATIONALIZATION OF PETROLEUM, BANKS, MINES AND THE FISHING INDUSTRY. THEY CHARGE THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITH HAVING FALSELY ACCUSED THE GOVERNMENT, AGRARIAN REFORM, AND SOCIAL PROPERTY OF HAVING CAUSED THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS. THEY ALSO REJECT WHAT THEY CALL INSIDIOUS ATTACKS BY ONE MAJOR PRIVATE SECTOR GROUP (SOCIETY OF INDUSTRIES) ON ANGEL DE LAS CASAS, CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL SOCIAL PROPERTY SYSTEM (SINADEPS).

2. WHILE DENYING THAT SOCIAL PROPERTY ADVOCATES A
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CONFRONTATION WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE STATEMENT

BY THE SOCIAL PROPERTY GROUP IMPLICITLY CHARGES THE PRIVATE SECTOR WITH CONTRIBUTING TO PERU'S CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. THE AUTHORS OF THIS DECLARATION INVITE THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO INCREASE PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTIVE INVESTMENT, REDUCE EXCESS EXPENSES AND WASTE OF RESOURCES, IMPROVE THE WORKERS' SITUATION, RESPECT LAWS, IMPROVE QUALITY, AND HOLD DOWN CONSUMER PRICES. THEIR MESSAGE ENDS WITH THE SLOGAN, IN BOLDFACE TYPE: "WITHOUT SOCIAL PROPERTY, THERE IS NO PERUVIAN REVOLUTION (SIN PROPIEDAD SOCIAL, NO HAY REVOLUCION PERUANA)."

3. COMMENT: IN WAKE OF MORALES BERMUDEZ' SPEECH, FACTIONS SUPPORTING PRIVATE SECTOR IN PERU CLEARLY FEEL FREE TO ENGAGE IN WARM PUBLIC DEBATE ON ISSUES AFFECTING THE DIRECTION TO BE TAKEN BY PERUVIAN ECONOMY. IT MUST SEEM STRANGE TO PROPONENTS OF SOCIAL PROPERTY CONCEPT, WHO HAVE ENJOYED VIRTUAL MEDIA MONOPOLY IN THEIR PROPAGANDIZING EFFORTS IN RECENT YEARS, TO FIND THEMSELVES ON THE DEFENSIVE. WE EXPECT THE DEBATE TO CONTINUE UNTIL THE GOP PROVIDES CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THE ROUTE THAT THE REVOLUTION'S NEW DIRECTIONS WILL FOLLOW.
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